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City of South Fulton Government

South Fulton Names Saddler Jones City Manager, Toms Assistant Manager

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GA – December 14, 2020) – The City of South Fulton has filled its top two executive leadership positions by appointing Tammi Saddler Jones as city manager and Donald Toms as assistant city manager.

Jones, who joined the city in late October as the assistant city manager and later served as interim city manager, has more than 20 years of experience in local government, spending the last decade in executive leadership as either an assistant city manager or city manager. Most recently, she served as the city administrator for the City of Smyrna.

“I’m very excited to be in the City of South Fulton,” Saddler Jones said. “Over the last month and a half, I’ve gotten to know the city’s elected and executive leadership. We have an experienced and highly skilled staff – all of whom are working masterfully to serve the needs of residents and ensure the positive growth of our young city.”

Under Saddler Jones’ leadership, Smyrna made Money Magazine’s 50 Best Places to Live in the United States 2018 list. She also helped the city obtain \$2.9 million in CARES Act funding to fund business grants, purchase technology and personal protective equipment, secure Wi-Fi hotspots for the families in Smyrna with students during the pandemic, among other initiatives. Her experience includes serving as the assistant town manager in Berlin, Connecticut and assistant to the city administrator for League City, Texas.

She has received numerous awards and is a graduate of Leadership ICMA, a competitive, intensive two-year ICMA University program that cultivates key competencies needed for successful leadership at all levels of local government management.

Saddler Jones earned a master’s degree in public administration from The Ohio State University and a bachelor’s degree in English from Tougaloo College.

Toms comes to the city with more than 25 years of state and local government experience. He has served as a city manager or administrator for 15 years in several Georgia cities, including Thomson, Winder, Milledgeville, Rincon and Bowdon. His longest term of employment was with the City of Winder from 2010 to 2020. Under his leadership, Winder was listed as the 12th fastest growing city in Georgia.

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Toms has overseen the direct operations of various departments, including finance, human resources, technology support, police, fire, code enforcement, public works, planning, zoning, storm water management, municipal court, cemeteries, recreation, water, sewer and natural gas.

Toms earned a master's degree in public administration from Florida State University.

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